

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ryan Murphey on 11/08/2011

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 32, line 3, after "reagent" insert ---, wherein at least a portion of the fluorocarbon imaging reagent is internalized into the cell---

In claim 57, line 4, after "reagent" insert ---, wherein at least a portion of the fluorocarbon imaging reagent is internalized into the cell---

Claim 73 cancelled.

Reasons for allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art was that which was cited in the previous office action filed on 03/15/2011, but fails to specifically disclose or render obvious administering to the subject a cell that is labeled with a fluorocarbon imaging reagent, wherein at least a portion of the fluorocarbon imaging reagent is internalized into the cell, examining and detecting a cell in a subject by ¹⁹F magnetic resonance imaging as recited in claim 32. The claimed

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subject matter is not taught or suggested by the cited reference and thus, the claimed subject matter is considered to be novel and patentably distinct over prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAGADISHWAR SAMALA whose telephone number is (571)272-9927. The examiner can normally be reached on 8.30 A.M to 5.00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Hartley can be reached on (571)272-0616. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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